Retirement age

438. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to have retirement age of employees in public sector units as 58;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the retirement age of Government employees would also be lowered to 58; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) The age of retirement in Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE) is 60 years. However, the Government may approve proposal for roll back of age of retirement from 60 years to 58 years for a CPSE, for both Board level and below Board level employees, on the recommendation of its Board of Directors.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Investigation of cases by CBI

439. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there were 1354 cases under investigation by CBI at the end of 2004;

(b) the number of new cases brought under investigation during the year 2005,till now and the number convicted, acquitted, discharged and otherwise disposed of during this period;

(c) whether there are cases pending investigation over 5 to 10 years;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not completing the investigations even after such a long period; and

(e) the steps being taken to expedite the completion of investigations and disposal of cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 686 new cases have been registered for investigation during 2005 till 30.6.2005. During the same period *i.e.* 1.1.2005 to 30.6.2005, 279 cases have been disposed of as per following details:

Convicted	:	152
Acquitted	:	70
Discharged	:	14
Otherwise Disposed of	:	43

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. 6 of the pending cases are 5 to 10 years old. Out of these 6 cases, sanction for prosecution is awaited in 2 cases from the concerned departments; in 1 case CBI has sought opinion of Attorney General of India which has been received recently and further follow up action is being taken. Only 3 cases are under investigation and are taking time due to scrutiny of voluminous documents, examination of large number of witnesses. The details of 6 cases are given in the Statement. (*See* below).

(e) Appropriate action as per law is being taken for completion of the investigation and disposal of cases, as early as possible.

Statement

Details of six pending cases for investigation

Sl. No.	Case No.	Date of Registeration	Reasons
1.	RC. 12/2002-GNR	23/5/2000	The case involves a total of 108 conspiracies and investigation has been completed in 57 conspiracies. Charge sheet have been filed in respect of 3 conspiracies. Investigation in respect of remaining 51 conspiracies is in progress.
2.	RC.50/1996-CHN	02/10/1996	Investigation completed. In this case opinion of Attorney General of India was sought which has been received recently. Necessary follow up action is being taken.

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3.	RC.12/1999-DLI	04/3/1999	Investigation has since been completed. SP's report for grant of sanction for prosecution was sent to the concerned department on 5.9.2001 which is still awaited.
4.	RC.10/1999-P AT(Now in ACU-VII)	23/1/1999	The investigation in this case involves a vast area covering a number of districts in Bihar and involves collection and scrutiny of voluminous records relating to Budget Allocation and execution of works by PWD Bihar. The investigation is in progress.
5.	RC.2/1998-ACU-VIII DLI.	03/6/1998	After completion of investigation SP's report was forwarded to Speaker, Lok Sabha on 10.11.2000 for according sanction for prosecution against Shri C.K. Jaffar Sharief. The sanction for prosecution is still awaitied.
6.	RC.3/1994-K ER.	05/4/1994	This is a blind murder case. Considerable time was taken to identify the accused persons and trace them. Foreign investigation also took some time. However, field investigation of this case has been completed and the case is at the stage of legal scrutiny.

Prosecution of Senior Bureaucrats

440. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of requests received for the grant of sanction for prosecutions of the officers of the rank of Joint Secretaries and above, since April,2004 and out of which, in how many cases the sanction was accorded;

(b) the details of cases where the sanction was refused along with the reasons in each case; and

(c) whether Government propose to amend the Central Vigilance Commission Act to do away with the provision which grants immunity for